

“ execution of his office, enter into a recogni-
 “ zance to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Suc-
 “ cessors, with two or more, and not more
 “ than four, good and sufficient sureties, to be
 “ approved by the Justice before whom such
 “ recognizance shall be taken, jointly and
 “ severally, as follows, that is to say :—Every
 “ registrar for any District, other than the
 “ Districts in which the Cities of *Quebec* and
 “ *Montreal* shall lie, in the penal sum of two
 “ thousand pounds; and each of the Regis-
 “ trars for the said Districts in which the said
 “ Cities of *Quebec* and *Montreal* respectively
 “ shall lie, in the penal sum of five thousand
 “ pounds upon the condition contained in the
 “ schedule number two, to this Ordinance
 “ subjoined; which recognizance, fairly writ-
 “ ten on parchment, shall be so entered into
 “ before one of the Justices of the said Court
 “ of King’s Bench, or of Common Pleas,” &c.

On reference to the Bail-bond given by Mr *Ryland*, it will be seen that the sum mentioned in it differs from that prescribed by the Ordinance.

It is my duty to point out this circumstance.

This Bail-bond, dated the 8th of July, 1845, was registered only on the 19th of that month.

The sureties given by Mr. *Ryland* were *H. LeMesurier* and *James Clearihue*, Esquires, both merchants.

See paper Z, hereto annexed.

At the time of Mr. *Ryland*’s nomination as Registrar of the Registry Office for the County of *Montreal*, that gentleman had his domicile at *Beauport*, near the city of *Quebec*, and he has resided there ever since, and has only visited his office occasionally, and at long intervals.

He has lately gone to Europe.

Mr. *Weston*, the Deputy named by Mr. *Ryland*, conducts the office; and he employs at present only Mr. *Joseph Aussem*, a very useful man in such an establishment, and Mr. *Leon Doutre*, whose duty it is to transcribe Deeds into the Registers.

There have been, according to the testimony of Mr. *Weston*, (answer to the 21st

question) 6456 Deeds transcribed, and to be transcribed, and 1037 Memorials, filed in the office since Mr. *Ryland*’s appointment.

Of this number there remain 856 to be entered in the Index; 1246 to be copied at full length into the Registers; and 89 to be entered in the Minute Book—(answers to the 23rd and 24th questions.)

There are, besides, 159 discharges and partial discharges of hypothecs, which are deposited, and are not yet entered; and 1095 deeds registered at full length, but not endorsed with the requisite certificate of the Registrar.

As this immense quantity of work in arrear occasions incalculable inconvenience to the public, by rendering the searches longer and more uncertain, I should have been glad to find in Mr. *Weston*’s explanations a sufficient excuse, but I cannot help declaring that, with a little zeal and activity, the confusion and uncertainty which now reign in the office in question, would have been avoided.

A very simple calculation will prove, as I think, the truth of this assertion.

In the course of three years and two months, namely, from Mr. *Ryland*’s assumption of the office in July, 1845, to the 15th September, 1848, there have accumulated 1246 Deeds, which have not been registered at full length. Now, this does not give one and a fourth to have been transcribed per day in order to complete the entries. The employment of one additional writer, and a few hours’ work after the office was closed to the public each day, would easily have secured this desirable result.

Mr. *Ryland* will probably, on the strength of Mr. *Clark*’s assertions plead the scantiness of his income as registrar. I think I shall be able to show presently that Mr. *Ryland* possesses a sufficiently lucrative sinecure. And judging from the amount of the emoluments received by the Registrar of the County of *Montreal*, I am not surprised that, notwithstanding the threat held out to the Government by Mr. *Clark*, in his above mentioned Report, none of the Registrars in the Province have yet resigned their offices, as being more onerous than profitable.

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